1	2	
Malappuram	3	0
Kasaragod	3	0
Wyanad	22	0
Kannur	6	0
Kozhikode	24	0
Kollam	56	4
Alappuzha	6	0
Pathanamthitta	9	0
TOTAL:	494	8

Small scale drug manufacturers

654. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised Schedule 'M' has been made uniform for large, medium and small scale sectors and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by small scale drug manufacturing units and whether they have received representations from the representatives of various units;

(c) if so, what action has been taken to amend the Schedule 'M';

(d) whether Government also have received representations to grant these units tax exemptions uniformly as given in certain States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Schedule M to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, prescribes the requirement of Good Manufacturing Practices and requirements of premises, plant and equipment to be followed by all drug manufacturing units licensed under the said rules, to ensure that uniform standards are maintained by the drug manufacturers in the country and drugs of standard quality are available to the public.

(b) and (c) Representations from various manufacturers' association including small scale manufacturers were received and after due consideration schedule M was further amended by the Government on 30-6-2005 *vide* GSR No.431(E) and relaxation were given.

(d) and (e) Grant of Tax exemptions to the manufacturing units for encouraging growth of industries is area specific and available in certain States.